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1. As has frequently been the case during 1947 and 1948, an attempt is being made by the Yugoslavs to intensify their trade with Switzerland. In exchange for lumber, lead, and copper, they are seeking to obtain electrical equipment for the power plants which have long been under construction in the Drava river area. They are also interested in obtaining equipment for the aluminum plants which have been set up with German machines at Strnisce near Ptuj. Yugoslav representatives are negotiating through Vorort des Schweizerischen Handels- und Industrievereins, a body of influential Swiss industrialists and manufacturers in Zurich with close connections in the Swiss Government.
2. Two men, Ivan Pretnar and Jerman (fm), are in Zurich representing various Trieste firms. It is known, however, that the Trieste firms in question are actually a cover for official Yugoslav government buying and selling organizations. Pretnar and Jerman have been offering lumber, mercury, lead, and copper in return for household articles.

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